

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: METHOD FOR MAKING CARBON STEEL BANDS, IN PARTICULAR PACKAGING
STEEL BANDS, AND RESULTING BANDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

^{ADD}
Please ~~cancel~~ claims 15 and 16, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said hot rolling operation is
carried out in a single step with a reduction ratio of at least 20%.

5. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said hot rolling operation is
carried out in two steps, in that the first of these steps is carried out with a reduction ratio of 20 to
70%, in that, after this first step, the strip is reheated so as to make said steel pass from the
ferritic range into the austenitic range, and in that the second rolling step is then carried out with